

# CHESSBROOK EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

## PUPIL RESEARCH PROJECT

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# WHAT DID WE WANT TO FIND OUT?

- ? WE WANTED TO FIND OUT WHAT PUPILS + STAFF THOUGHT ABOUT THE COMMON ROOM BEING DECORATED.
- ? WE WANTED TO FIND OUT ABOUT PUPILS' LIFESTYLES.

# Chessbrook's Common Room



## HOW DID WE DO OUR RESEARCH ?

- Once we decided what to investigate we did rough copies of questions.
- We decided that interviews would be the best technique because it was more likely to give us a variety of answers.
- We thought about how the questions were worded and produced a guide for the interviews.
- We also had to think about the pupil lifestyle interviews being confidential.
- Once we thought it was finished we went around the school and conducted the interview.
- We collated the data and looked for themes and patterns.

# WHAT DID WE FIND OUT?

Here are some of our results about the common room :

All pupils and staff thought the common room should be re-decorated!

## COLOUR

Most of the pupils and staff thought the room should be blue. Green was also a popular choice with pupils. A few staff and pupils voted for Cream.

## SEATING

The most important theme was that the seating should be comfortable. Ideas included bean-bags, leather seats, bucket seats and Viking ?!

## TABLES

Most pupils were happy with the tables. Many staff thought the tables were fine but several wanted round dining tables.

# WHAT DID WE FIND OUT?

## ENTERTAINMENT

Pupils wanted a T.V. Music and a Pool table.

Staff wanted the same!!!

## PICTURES / ART

Most pupils wanted Graffiti Art or motorbike pictures.

Most staff wanted Pupil Art or Modern Art.

## WINDOWS

Nearly all pupils and staff were happy with the windows. A few staff wanted new blinds.

Other general ideas included – Magazines (no Beano), Water cooler, Plants, Rugs but no Air Con.

# WHAT DID WE FIND OUT ?

Here are some of our results about pupil lifestyles:

5 pupils said there was nothing to do close to where they live, 3 said there were Youth Clubs.

5 pupils said they had used illegal drugs, 3 said they had not.

Cannabis was the most used, cocaine was also used.

Half of the pupils said they have done something a mate asked them to do, half said they had not.

# Conclusions

The pupils and staff at Chessbrook had similar ideas about how the common room should be decorated –

BLUE

MUSIC

COMFORTABLE CHAIRS

PUPIL ART

T.V.

GRAFFITI

POOL TABLE

Most pupils had used illegal drugs. Most felt there was nothing to do where they live.

Thank-you for listening !!!